

Remarks

Claims 1 and 5 have been amended. Claims 1 and 5 remain in the application. Reconsideration and allowance of these claims as now presented is respectfully requested.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claim 1 has been amended to recite language specifically recited at page 2, lines 24-32 of the application as originally filed. The claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 should accordingly be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Miksic et al. (U.S. 6,085,905). The presently amended claims recite a corrosion inhibitor composition having between about 97 and about 99 percent by weight ammonium benzoate, and between about 1 and about 3 percent by weight of one or more additive components selected from the group consisting of silica, triazoles, and wetting agents. Such component concentrations are not found in Miksic '905.

It has been determined by the Applicants that the presently claimed ammonium benzoate concentrations are

useful in providing long-term corrosion protection while being easily removed with a water wash if necessary. Since the Miksic '905 patent fails to describe the corrosion inhibitor material concentrations now claimed, the rejections thereof should be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Miksic et al. '905. Claim 5 has been amended in accordance with the amendments to pending Claim 1. For the reasons stated above, therefore, the rejection of Claim 5 over Miksic et al. '905 should be withdrawn.

For the foregoing reasons, the claims as now amended are believed to be unobvious and patentable over the cited prior art. Applicants therefore submit that the presently pending claims are allowable on the merits. An early allowance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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